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CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2019

ARIZONA

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 1.02 million head, unchanged from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 215,000 head, were up 15,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 5,000 head from last year to 205,000 head. Arizona's 2018 calf crop, at 320,000 head, is up 3 percent from 2017.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2019 and percent changes from 2018 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 3 percent to 35,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 10 percent to 115,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 31 percent to 20,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 7 percent to 295,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 21 percent to 115,000 head. The total inventory included 300,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 9 percent from last year.

COLORADO

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.85 million head, unchanged from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 797,000 head, were down 15,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 10,000 head from last year to 178,000 head. Colorado's 2018 calf crop, at 840,000 head, is up 1 percent from 2017.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2019 and percent changes from 2018 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 3 percent to 170,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 10 percent to 110,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 2 percent to 560,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 2 percent to 830,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 55,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 17 percent to 150,000 head. The total inventory included 1.05 million head of cattle and calves on feed, up 5 percent from last year.

MONTANA

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.50 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 1.45 million head, were down 49,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 1,000 head from last year to 12,000 head. Montana's 2018 calf crop, at 1.45 million head, is down 2 percent from 2017.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2019 and percent changes from 2018 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 3 percent to 380,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 8,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent to 232,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 240,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent to 100,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 24 percent to 80,000 head. The total inventory included 40,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 11 percent from last year.

NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.48 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 480,000 head, were down 3,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 7,000 head from last year to 325,000 head. New Mexico's 2018 calf crop, at 610,000 head, is down 3 percent from 2017.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2019 and percent changes from 2018 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 10 percent to 95,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent to 125,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 11 percent to 85,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 130,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, down 13 percent to 35,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 5 percent to 205,000 head.

UTAH

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 810,000 head, up 3 percent from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 340,000 head, were up 2,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 3,000 head from last year to 100,000 head. Utah's 2018 calf crop, at 385,000 head, is up 3 percent from 2017.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2019 and percent changes from 2018 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 70,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 50,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent to 65,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent to 85,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 25,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 7 percent to 75,000 head. The total inventory included 23,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 15 percent from last year.

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WYOMING

The January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.30 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2018 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 714,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 6,000 head. Wyoming’s 2018 calf crop, at 670,000 head, is up 2 percent from 2017.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2019 and percent changes from 2018 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 160,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 4,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 7 percent to 126,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 14 percent to 150,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 40,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 18 percent to 100,000 head. The total inventory included 65,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 7 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2019 totaled 94.8 million head, slightly above the 94.3 million head on January 1, 2018.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.9 million head on January 1, 2018. Beef cows, at 31.8 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.35 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2019 totaled 20.2 million head, slightly above the 20.2 million head on January 1, 2018. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.92 million head, were down 3 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.70 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.60 million head, were 3 percent above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2019 totaled 16.6 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2019 totaled 2.26 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2018. Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2019 totaled 14.5 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.4 million head on January 1, 2019. The inventory is up 2 percent from the January 1, 2018 total of 14.1 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 81.3 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2019, up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) is 26.4 million head. This is 1 percent above January 1, 2018.

The 2018 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 36.4 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2018 were estimated at 26.6 million head, up 3 percent from the first half of 2017. Calves born during the second half of 2018 were estimated at 9.80 million head, 27 percent of the total 2018 calf crop.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for January 1, 2018, and July 1, 2018 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. January 1, 2018 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.1 percent and 2017 calf crop decreased by 0.1 percent. July 1, 2018 all cattle and calves were decreased by 0.2 percent, all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.2 percent, and 2018 calf crop decreased by 0.3 percent. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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